



FOOTBALL 2002

Presidents' Athletic Conference
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CURRENT REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS (through August 31, 2002)

| School | PAC Games | | | | | All Games | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| | <u>W</u> | <u>L</u> | <u>Pct.</u> | <u>PF</u> | <u>PA</u> | <u>W</u> | <u>L</u> | <u>Pct.</u> | <u>PF</u> | <u>PA</u> |
| Bethany College | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Grove City College | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Thiel College | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Washington & Jefferson College | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Waynesburg College | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Westminster College | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

No games scheduled

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Bethany at Carnegie Mellon - 1 p.m.
 Walsh at Westminster - 1 p.m.
 Waynesburg at Denison - 1 p.m.
 Grove City at Hiram - 1:30 p.m.
 Ursinus at Washington & Jefferson - 1:30 p.m.
 Thiel at Malone - 2 p.m.

Washington & Jefferson Picked to Win PAC Football Title in Coaches Preseason Poll

Washington & Jefferson College is favored to capture its 17th Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) football championship in the past 18 years in 2002, according to the PAC Football Preseason Coaches Poll.

The Presidents, 11-1 overall and an NCAA Division III playoff team in 2001, garnered three of six first-place votes to finish with 33 points in the PAC Football Preseason Coaches Poll, easily outdistancing Bethany College (23 points), Westminster College (23 points), Thiel College (18 points), Waynesburg College (16 points) and Grove City College (13 points). W&J is ranked among the national Top 10 in several NCAA Division III preseason polls. Bethany, Westminster (which is eligible for the PAC title for the first time in 2002) and Thiel each received one first place vote.

"I think we have been ranked No. 1 by the conference coaches due to our reputation," said Washington & Jefferson head football coach **John Banaszak**. "The PAC is getting more and more difficult and talented each season and we have to improve to be able to continue the success that we have recently achieved."

Following is the complete 2002 PAC Football Preseason Coaches Poll. Points were assigned on a 6-5-4-3-2-1 basis:

| <u>School (1st place votes)</u> | <u>Points</u> |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Washington & Jefferson College (3) | 33 |
| 2t. Bethany College (1) | 23 |
| 2t. Westminster College (1) | 23 |
| 4. Thiel College (1) | 18 |
| 5. Waynesburg College | 16 |
| 6. Grove City College | 13 |

PAC FOOTBALL PREVIEWS

Bethany (0-0) at Carnegie Mellon (0-0)

Saturday, Sept. 7 - 1 p.m.
Gesling Stadium - Pittsburgh, Pa.

Radio/TV: none

Series Record: Carnegie Mellon leads 27-7

Game Notes: . Last year's contest, which was to be played in Bethany, was postponed due to the Sept. 11 attacks ... In the last meeting between the teams in 2000, Bethany gained 296 yards on the ground in a 27-16 victory in Pittsburgh ... Current Bison senior **Will Anderson** led the way with 132 rushing yards and two TDs, while defensive end **Mike Mills** had eight tackles, a sack and a forced fumble ... The win snapped Bethany's 12-game losing streak to the Tartans.

Walsh (0-0) at Westminster (0-0)

Saturday, Sept. 7 - 1 p.m.
Burry Stadium (4,500/grass) - New Wilmington, Pa.

Radio/TV: WWNW-FM (88.9), WKST-AM (1200), WEXC-FM (107.1), WHLO-AM (640), www.nsnsports.com.

Series Record: Westminster leads 3-1

Game Notes: The Titans begin their first season as a full member of NCAA Division III and the PAC ... Westminster had won three straight games against Walsh in the series which began in 1996, before last year's season opening 17-10 loss in Canton ... The Titans led 10-3 after three periods, but the Cavaliers scored twice in the last six minutes for the win ... Westminster has dropped three of its last four season openers ... In the last meeting between the two schools in New Wilmington, the Titans opened the 2000 season with a 27-14 win over Walsh.

Waynesburg (0-0) at Denison (0-0)

Saturday, Sept. 7 - 1 p.m.
Piper Stadium (5,000/grass) - Granville, Ohio

Radio/TV: WCYJ-FM (88.7)

Series Record: Waynesburg leads 2-1

Game Notes: Waynesburg will open with Denison University for a second consecutive season and third overall, only this year the Yellow Jackets make their first trip to Granville, Ohio ... Last year, the Jackets escaped a late surge with a 47-42 win at Wiley Stadium to give head coach **Jeff Hand** his first win at Waynesburg ... In 2000, the Jackets won, 28-27, in the last minute by blocking a Big Red extra point ... Denison was ranked second in the nation last season with 348 passing yards per game, but will be without QB **Greg Neuendorf**, who graduated ... Waynesburg will also don a new quarterback in sophomore **Jeff Dumm**, and a new offense under coordinator **Terry Peebles**.

Grove City (0-0) at Hiram (0-0)

Saturday, Sept. 7 - 1:30 p.m.
Charles A. Henry Field (3,000/grass) - Hiram, Ohio

Radio/TV: WSAJ-FM (91.1)

Series Record: Grove City leads 21-20-1

Game Notes: The Wolverines prepare for their 108th season of intercollegiate football this fall ... GCC scrimmaged Rochester Saturday afternoon at Robert E. Thorn Field ... First meeting between the teams since 1993 when Wolverines opened season with 35-14 win over Hiram ... Hiram is former member of PAC ... Grove City head coach **Chris Smith** begins his 19th season as head coach, the longest tenure in GCC history ... Wolverines are looking for first opening day win since 1997 when Grove City beat Kenyon, 37-30 ... Hiram last beat Grove City in 1988, 26-21.

Ursinus (0-0) at Wash. & Jeff. (0-0)

Saturday, Sept. 7 - 1:30 p.m.
Cameron Stadium (4,500/turf) - Washington, Pa.

Radio/TV: WJPA-AM (1450), WNJR-FM (91.7)

Series Record: W&J leads 1-0

Game Notes: The Presidents return 43 letterwinners and 15 starters from last season's 11-1 squad that advanced to the second round of the NCAA playoffs ... W&J and Ursinus met for the first time in last year's season opener as the Presidents eaked out a 16-7 victory in Collegeville, Pa. ... Senior QB **Brian Dawson** completed 20-of-38 passes for 316 yards and one touchdown in the victory ... W&J sports a 22-8-1 (.733) all-time record against Centennial Conference opponents ... The Presidents' last regular-season home matchup with an opponent from the Centennial came in 1994 as W&J defeated Franklin & Marshall, 49-14, in the season opener at Cameron Stadium.

Thiel (0-0) at Malone (0-0)

Saturday, Sept. 7 - 2 p.m.
Fawcett Stadium (22,500/turf) - Canton, Ohio

Radio/TV: www.nsnsports.com

Series Record: Malone leads 2-0

Game Notes: The Tomcats open their 2002 campaign this Saturday, taking on the Pioneers of Malone College ... Malone, a member of the NAIA and the American Midwest Conference, is under the direction of first-year interim head coach **Dan Hanson** ... Hanson looks to bounce back from a 2-8 overall record (1-5 MSFA Midwest) a year ago ... The Tomcats are led by second-year head coach **Jack Leipheimer** and also look to steadily improve on their 2-8 overall mark and 1-3 record in the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) in 2001 ... The Tomcat defense will be led by sophomore All-American **Kennard Davis**, who notched a school-record nine interceptions in 2001.